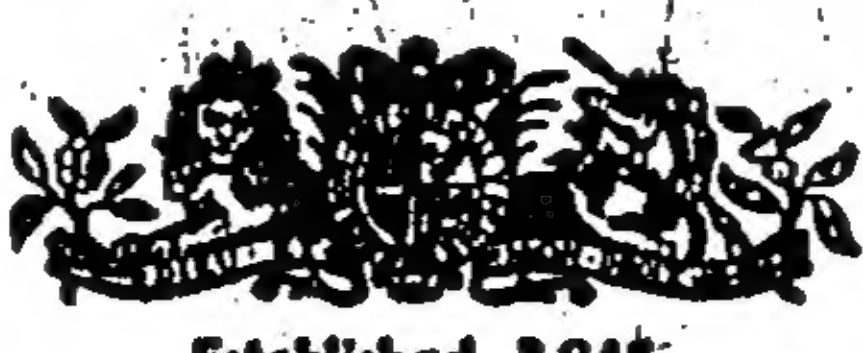


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Vital Meeting

TODAY'S meeting of the Singapore Legislative Assembly may prove to be the most vital since that elected body came into existence. Mr. David Marshall has the melancholy task of reporting failure at the London conference and of fulfilling his promise to resign as Chief Minister. He will also announce his successor—Mr. Lim Yew-hock.

But the predominant question which the meeting poses is whether the ruling Labour Front can prevent the opposition People's Action Party from forcing a dissolution of the Assembly and the calling of new elections.

The Labour Front is so precariously poised as the governing party that it does not require too acute a crisis to bring about the downfall of its authority. And there can be no two minds about the seriousness of the political crisis which confronts Singapore today.

No matter how eloquently he pleads his lost cause, Mr. Marshall cannot hope to win sympathy from the opposition. The People's Action Party were represented at the London talks and virtually all the time were in disagreement with Mr. Marshall. Thus it is certain the PAP will heap ridicule on Marshall's White Paper and will vehemently oppose any motion of confidence.

ALL this can be taken as a matter of course. What remains to be made manifest is whether the PAP feel this is the time to force a political showdown with the rest of the Assembly. They may believe that Mr. Marshall and his Party have been so discredited as a result of the London fiasco that an immediate appeal to the electorate would put them in power. On the other hand they cannot estimate the outcome of a new election with anything like certainty.

If Mr. Lee Kuan-yew, leader of the People's Action Party, had been head of the Singapore delegation in place of Mr. Marshall, the negotiations would have been no more successful, for the PAP insist on complete independence, without qualification. It was Lee who sincerely described Marshall's so-called compromise proposals as a sell-out to the Colonial Office.

TO force an election at this moment might conceivably do the People's Action Party more harm than good. From the point of view of prestige they cannot afford to be returned once again as the Opposition. Victory for the Labour Front would not merely strengthen Mr. Lim Yew-hock's political hand, but would open up the way for fresh negotiations with London.

These may even come about if the Labour Front can hang on to the reins of government with the present constituted Assembly. Although the Colonial Secretary refused to reopen negotiations with Mr. Marshall, he has not repudiated his offer to resume talks with the Singapore government. And Mr. Lee as Chief Minister is, so far as the Colonial Office is concerned, a different proposition to Mr. Marshall holding that office.

It is not without significance that Mr. Lee refused to go all the way with his chief at the London discussions; that he felt Marshall was holding out for a little too much. It is feasible to believe, therefore, that the new Chief Minister might succeed where Mr. Marshall failed in reaching agreement with Whitehall on self-government proposals.

MOLLET WINS ALGERIA VOTE

COMMUNISTS ABSTAIN BUT PREMIER'S PLANS GET BIG MAJORITY

Paris, June 6.

The French Government early this morning obtained a fresh mandate from the National Assembly to pursue its military pacification campaign in Algeria to a successful conclusion.

The assembly by a substantial majority of 371 to 59 with 201 abstentions expressed its confidence in the Government's policy in North Africa and at home.

The confidence motion followed three days of debate last week and a day of debate yesterday, and characterised by the fact that the overwhelming majority of the Assembly was determined to support action to maintain France's right to stay in Algeria.

This big majority was not actually reflected in the voting figures because a certain number of Conservatives remained unseated about the Government's attitude in Morocco and Tunisia where these newly independent states are negotiating with France about their future relations with the former protectorate power.

Why Reds Abstained

At the same time the 150 Communist Deputies refrained from casting their votes either way.

Since the formation of the present Government last February the Communists have always voted for the Mollet Government. On this occasion the spokesman explained in the debate they were obliged to register their disagreement with the Government's refusal to open negotiations with the Algerian nationalist leaders.

The Communists decided it would be dangerous to vote openly against the Government.

A number of leaders including Maurice Thorez argued that it was the Communists' business to oppose "colonialism" without pulling any punches and that the rank and file members of the party throughout the country would not understand any other attitude.

Party politicians led by M. Jacques Duclos argued that it was too early to break openly with the Socialist Party.

So They Wait

M. Duclos maintained, according to usually reliable sources, that after a few more months the Socialist rank and file would itself get restive at seeing their leaders conducting war in Algeria and that would be the moment to abandon support of the Socialist-led Government.

At that stage, M. Duclos argued, the chances of rallying an important section of the Socialist party to the Communist view in favour of negotiations in Algeria would be greatly improved.

The immediate effect of the vote of confidence, lobby observers said, was to strengthen the hand of the Government in Algeria. It coincided with what was expected to be a decisive phase in the anti-insurgent operations of the newly strengthened French army.

On the other hand, from the purely political point of view, the confidence vote on Algeria was considered by parliamentary observers to have been slightly disappointing for M. Mollet.

It indicated, they said, that centre and right-wing parties had made the first move towards preparing a successor government which on a broader basis than the present coalition of Socialists and Radicals might form a kind of National Union Government, especially if events in Algeria should develop unfavourably from the French point of view.—Reuter.

Tory MP Critical But...

GOVT DEFENDS JAPANESE CLOTH IMPORTS

London, June 5.

The Minister of State at the Board of Trade, Mr. Austin Low, today defended imports of Japanese grey cloth duty free for finishing in Britain and re-export.

He also rebutted an assertion by Mr. Nigel Fisher, Conservative, that the Anglo-Japanese trade agreement made things easy for Japan at Britain's expense.

Mr. Fisher had asked in the House of Commons why "large quantities" of Japanese grey cloth were allowed duty free into Britain on the condition that, after process in this country, they were re-exported as British.

Mr. Low replied: "Japanese grey cloth within an annual

quota of £3 million is imported into the United Kingdom for finishing and re-export to colonial and other markets.

Prejudicial?

"In addition, some Japanese grey cloth, the import of which has been licensed by Colonial Governments, is also imported into the United Kingdom for finishing and re-export.

"These imports give work to the finishing industry which would go to other countries if the imports were not allowed. "Duty free entry is afforded, except for rayon, grey cloth, under regulations issued in accordance with section 40 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, which continued powers originally given in 1932."

Mr. Fisher said these Japanese imports were somewhat prejudicial to the British textile industry.

"Why should we make things so easy for Japan, who did not make things particularly easy for us in the last war?" he asked.

Not They Help

Mr. Low said Japanese imports were not prejudicial to the Lancashire textile industry as a whole. They helped the finishing industry.

"Our agreement with Japan does not necessarily make things easy for Japan," he said.

"It is a balanced agreement. In return for quotas which we grant we get valuable quotas in Japan."

Mrs. Barbara Castle, a Labour member, asked for the Government's attitude to a proposal by Mr. Cyril Lord, a Lancashire textile industrialist, that Japanese cloth should only be imported duty free on condition that it was re-exported only to Commonwealth countries.

Mr. Low said: "I understand his proposal on the Japanese imports was that they should not be allowed even if re-exported, but on that I think he is wrong."

"I do not think he represents the views of the Lancashire industry as a whole."—Reuter.

New Plan For Franco-German Co-operation

Bonn, June 5.

The Saar Government today approved the Franco-West German agreement, reached in Luxembourg, to return the Saar to Germany politically by January 1, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said.

Dr. Adenauer said the Luxembourg agreement had removed the obstacles to France and Germany co-operating to the full.

"Now, together with France and the other countries—especially Italy and the Benelux states—we shall approach our European tasks with refreshed powers."

The Luxembourg talks, Dr. Adenauer said, had done a service to the cause of Europe, of the free world and of peace. The question whether Europe would unite or break up had been settled in favour of joining together.

The French and West German delegations had agreed to a "very negative" evaluation of the chances that Russia was really changing her course.

IN THE OFFING?

Their impression was that a new development could be "in the offing" but so far "no conclusive grounds exist for assuming this."

Dr. Adenauer said the French had reported that Mr. Nikita Khrushchev said during the Moscow visit of M. Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister: "I would rather have 17 million (East) Germans in my hands than see a united, neutralised Germany."

Dr. Adenauer stressed repeatedly what he considered the "brutality" of this rejection of German re-unification, even on terms advantageous to Russia.—Reuter.

STORM IS MOVING WEST

STRONG winds over Hong Kong have reached their peak and are subsiding slowly.

The highest gust recorded by the Royal Observatory was 44 knots yesterday afternoon. The centre of a large tropical depression over Hainan Island is still moving west. But there are no dangerous winds at the centre.

Strong winds with fierce gusts up to over 50 knots covered the whole of the South China Sea.

RAINFALL

The number three (Strong wind) signal was lowered at 120 p.m.

Since yesterday morning the wind at the Royal Observatory has averaged 32 knots or more for 11 hours and rainfall has amounted to 1.20 inches.

It was predicted by the Royal Observatory that the wind would drop about three knots during the day but that squalls and showers would persist for at least the next 12 hours.

When the winds reached their height yesterday afternoon sampans crowded into typhoon shelters and sampan business in the harbour was curtailed.

However large lighters and small fishing craft with paddles went about their business unaffected, and other harbour transport was not noticeably affected by the storm.

SCIENTIST KILLED

Harwell, June 5.

A scientist was killed today while working on a new atom smasher designed for research on harnessing the power of the H-bomb.

The Atomic Energy Authority (AEA) announced that Graham Hawkins, 34, died of electric shock suffered during tests of the Harwell research establishment's new proton particle accelerator.

Hawkins was the first victim of a research accident at Harwell, which celebrated its tenth anniversary last week. The AEA ordered a formal investigation of the accident.

Hawkins, a high voltage specialist, was testing an electron tube used in one of the big atom smashers Britain is building.—United Press.

JEW KILLED

Amman, June 5.

One Israeli was killed when Israeli and Jordanian home guards exchanged fire in Jordanian territory near Shuwalah village, Arab Legion sources said here tonight.

Arab Legion sources said the clash arose after an Israeli tractor with an Israeli armed guard crossed into Jordan and wrecked Arab olive trees.

Jerusalem reports say that two Israeli workers were injured by Jordanian fire today in Israel territory in the central Sharon plain.—Reuter.

McCarthy's Move To Stop Aid

Washington, June 5. Senator Joseph McCarthy today introduced a bill to stop American aid to Yugoslavia because of Marshal Tito's pro-Soviet statements during his present Moscow visit. He told the Senate it would be "stark immorality" to continue helping Yugoslavia in the light of those statements.—Reuter.

Tito Begins Talks With Russians

Moscow, June 5.

President Tito of Yugoslavia and Soviet leaders discussed disarmament and Germany as well as Soviet-Yugoslav relations during their first two and three quarter hours negotiating session at the Kremlin today, it was learned.

Marshal Tito, Mr. Khrushchev and Marshal Bulganin are expected to meet again to continue their discussions on Saturday when the Yugoslav President returns to Moscow after a two-day trip to Leningrad.

Mr. V. M. Molotov took part in the discussion and remains a full member of the Soviet delegation despite his removal from the Foreign Ministry last Friday.

It was noted by Moscow observers that stress was being placed so far on exchanges between Governments rather than between Parties.

At a Kremlin luncheon today Marshal Tito said Yugoslavia welcomed last month's cut in the Soviet armed forces, believing this decision "contributed towards the strengthening of international confidence and, at the same time, provides opportunity for the solution of the problem of general disarmament within the framework of the United Nations."—Reuter.

REFUGEE CHIEF MAY QUIT

The Hague, June 5.

United Nations Refugee High Commissioner, Dr. J. Goodhart said today he may resign his post because he had failed to win more financial support from the rich nations of the world.

Dr. Goodhart told a press conference that he had reached the bottom of the barrel in trying to scrape up more funds to feed, clothe and house the world's displaced populations.

"I do not believe I can think of anything else to raise more funds," he said. "I have reached the point where I think it would be wise for somebody else to take my chair and find means to get financial support."—United Press.

Cyprus Plans Revealed

London, June 5.

Cyprus Governor Sir John Harding, told the Parliamentary Commonwealth group at the House of Commons today that the campaign against the EOKA terrorists would be intensified in the next three months.

He added that the end of that time negotiations would be opened with new Cypriot leaders.

Replying to a Labour member, on the possibility of new negotiations with the deposed Archbishop Makarios, Sir John replied: "I would advise the Government not to reopen negotiations under any circumstances with Archbishop Makarios."

NEW POLICE CHIEF

Later today it was announced that Colonel Geoffrey White, the Chief Constable of Warwickshire had been appointed to command the Cyprus police.

In Nicosia terrorists wounded six British servicemen, in a Cyprus bomb ambush today.

Riding in buses at the bend of a mountain road they threw two bombs at two military vehicles near Ayios Nicolaos, a village 25 miles northwest of Famagusta.—France-Press and Reuter.

AMERICANS SAY:

British Move To Ease Trade Ban 'Badly Timed'

Washington, June 5. Britain's decision to permit the shipment of Malayan rubber to China came under fire in Congress again today.

It was also being reviewed by President Eisenhower at an emergency foreign aid conference with Congressional leaders at the White House tonight in the light of a growing drive to deny aid to any nation exporting strategic goods to China.

President Eisenhower's difficulties in persuading Congress to accept his foreign aid programme were said by Administration officials to have been aggravated by the British announcement on the eve of an important foreign aid debate tomorrow.

EFFECT ON AID

The Congressional criticism is expected to become more noisy and acrimonious in this debate, when the House of Representatives begins to examine President Eisenhower's \$4,800 million foreign aid request for 1956-57.

The request already faces a cut of \$1,100 million on the recommendation of the House Foreign Affairs committee.

While Officials did not find fault with Britain's decision to use the "exceptions" machinery and break away from the rigid China embargo, they expressed deep disappointment that the announcement came as they were fighting to salvage the foreign aid programme and restore the deep cuts recommended to the house.—Reuter.

Stalin Man Stays

London, June 5.

Communist Albania reshuffled its Government today but left the Stalin-appointed Communist Party leader, Enver Hoxha, still in power.—United Press.

Moscow, June 5. Father Tucker, Chaplain to Prince Rainier of Monaco, denied tonight that he had said Princess Grace was expecting a child early next year.—Reuter.

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FRENCH TROOPS PURSUE REBELS

Algiers, June 5.

French troops were tonight engaged in two big operations against Nationalist insurgents in Algeria.

Reports said the biggest was in the Algero-Moroccan frontier area which has been the scene of increased insurgent activity in recent weeks.

French troops from newly-independent Morocco are taking part in the operation launched today along a mountainous 20-mile strip of the frontier.

In the second operation, in southern Algeria, 20 insurgents were reported killed so far. Arms and a radio transmitter were seized.

The action followed insurgent occupation of a village in the area east of the road between Djelfa and Ghardaia. In raids from a village, the insurgents had killed one European school teacher and five Muslim levies.

"Some losses" were reported among security forces.—Reuter.

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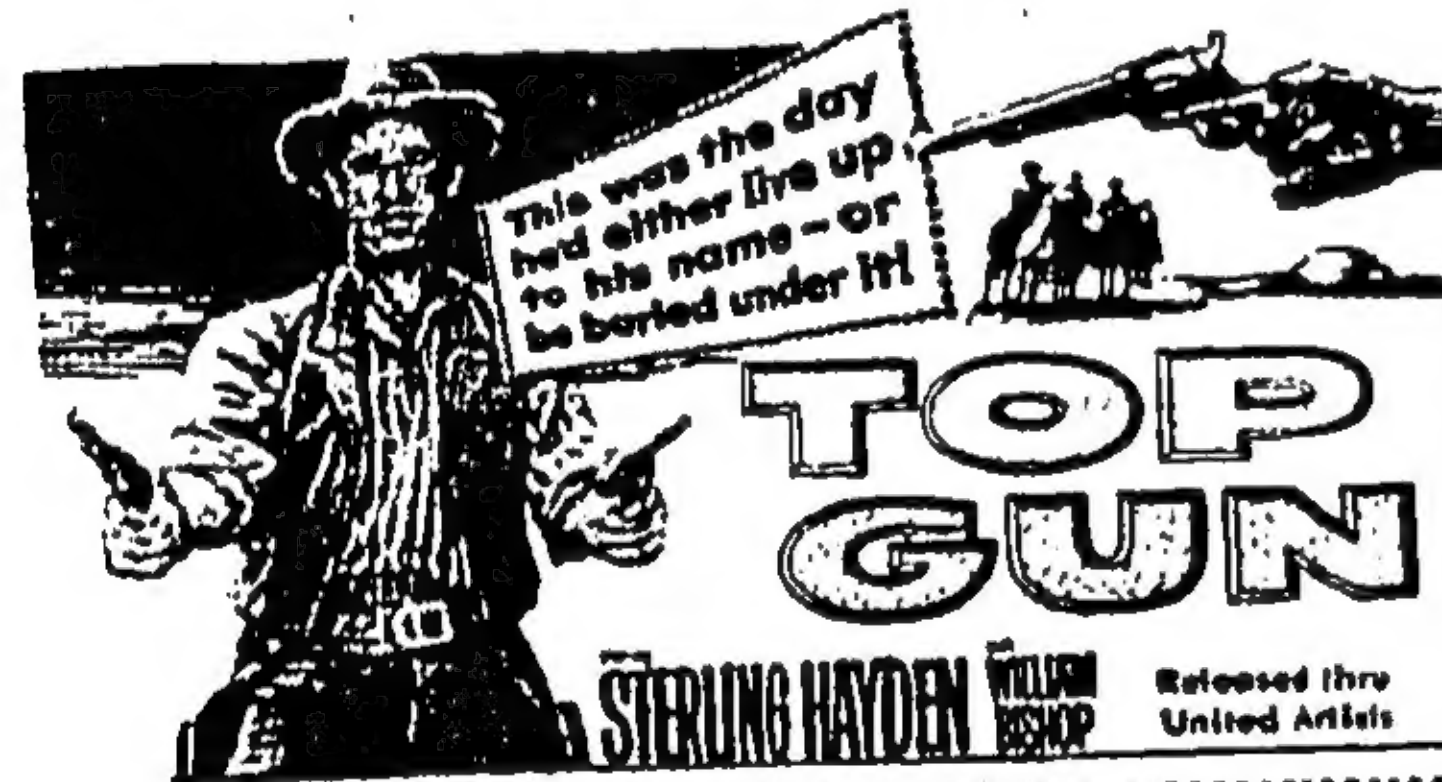
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ALLEGED. FORCED. LABOUR CONDITIONS

Stormy Session Expected At ILO Conference

Geneva, June 6.

Allegations of forced labour conditions in both Communist states and Western colonial territories are expected to provoke a stormy session when the 30th International Labour Conference opens here today.

Nearly 800 delegates from more than 70 countries will attend the three-week conference, a world forum for governments, workers and employers.

Apart from discussions on the new draft convention to outlaw forced labour, the other politically ominous issue overshadowing the conference is the status of Communist employers' delegates who have been challenged and boycotted by the "free" employers at every recent ILO meeting.

NATO Needs Revision Says Juin



Paris, June 6.

French Marshal Alphonse Juin, Allied Commander-in-Chief, Central Europe, suggested that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation set-up should be altered to meet the changes which have occurred in recent years in the Mediterranean area.

Writing in the French review Deux Mondes (Two Worlds), the Marshal said the position was different today from what it was when the NATO organisation came into being. Since then, British forces have evacuated Egypt, Libya had become independent, Cyprus had become a trouble spot and North Africa, especially Algeria, was passing through a seriously troubled period, while the Balkan situation was less sound than it was a few years ago.

He claims that the whole southern flank of Europe was today on the point of collapsing.

Outdated

Reports hearing on both these controversial subjects will be placed before the conference. On forced labour, the general view is that the ILO convention of 1930 is somewhat outdated and that a new one is needed.

In response to a questionnaire from the ILO Secretariat, the Soviet Government has declared its desire for a new convention banning all forms of forced labour. The United States has not yet made its views but will do so during the conference. It is certain that Communist countries will concentrate on allegations of forced labour in colonial territories, while Western countries will claim the existence of forced labour in Communist states.

More Far-reaching

The attack of the "free" employers hinges on the fact that the ILO Constitution requires "free and independent" groups of government, employer and worker delegates.

The "free" employers charge that the Communists are in no way independent of their government delegations. Basically, the issue has a more far-reaching aspect in that it contrasts employers in private industry with managers in state-run industry, which has become common in many countries since the ILO was founded in 1919.

It is uncertain whether or not action might be taken at this conference to amend the Constitution but it is unlikely that the issue can be solved to the satisfaction of all.

Large Number

The conference will also discuss applications for membership from Tunisia and the Sudan.

The conference will be attended by a large number of observers, including some 45 people from the Gold Coast.

'Lifesaver' Mark 3



An Avro Shackleton Mark 3, latest version of the plane which has come to be used by the RAF as a life-saver. At all times of day and night in Britain these aircraft and their crews are ready to answer an emergency call to search for missing or wrecked ships or for the crews of planes which have come down in the sea.—Reutersphoto.

Cyprus Self-Determination

Greece To Make Claim In UN

Athens, June 5.

The Acting Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Constantine Tsatsos, said today that "after recent developments" Greece would claim "immediate self-determination" for Cyprus in the United Nations General Assembly.

He told Parliament that Greece would not appeal to the Security Council for the time being, since she was convinced that the General Assembly would provide a solution when it met.

(Last October the General Assembly rejected a Greek request for a debate on Cyprus as it had in the previous session. The Greek delegate claimed that Cyprus was a "distinct national entity" and merited the application of the United Nations Charter.)

Arresting Greeks

Mr. Tsatsos blamed Britain for the communal clashes on Cyprus, saying "the British are responsible for Turkish assaults on Greeks in Cyprus."

While the victims are Greeks and Greek property is destroyed, the British are not arresting Turks but Greeks.

Mr. Tsatsos was speaking after the Opposition had raised the Cyprus question in Parliament for the fourth time in less than two months.

Taking it in turn to attack the Government, the Opposition leader urged it to file an immediate appeal on Cyprus with the United Nations Security Council, and to send a strongly-worded message on the subject to all parliaments of the world.—Reuters.

Lived On Grass

Auckland, June 5.

A prisoner in the Auckland Magistrates Court who was charged with being idle and disorderly, where he said he had been living for three weeks subsisting on grass and leaves.—China Mail Special.

Rock-And-Roll Dancing Banned

Santa Cruz, June 5.

Police chief Al Huntsman slapped a ban on rock-and-roll dancing yesterday after breaking up a Saturday night ball at which teen-agers were observed dancing in an "obscene and highly suggestive" manner.

Huntsman's officers broke up the public dance at the civic auditorium at 12.20 a.m. Sunday, 40 minutes ahead of the scheduled closing and sent some 200 teen-agers home.

The chief said the action was taken after a number of the teen-agers were observed engaging in "highly suggestive, stimulating and tantalising motions" to the provocative rhythms of Chuck (Prince of Wails) Higgins and his rock-and-roll combination.

"This sort of thing can lead only to juvenile delinquency and degeneracy and will not be tolerated in Santa Cruz," Huntsman said.—United Press.

Cyclone Hits West Bengal

Calcutta, June 5.

Half a million people are reported homeless as a result of cyclones and torrential rain, which have been sweeping over the Indian state of West Bengal.

At least 30,000 houses were completely washed away in the coastal area of the Bay of Bengal, which lay directly in the path of the cyclone.

Agartala, the capital of Tripura state, bordering East Pakistan, which has a population of 200,000, is completely isolated as a result of the floods. Tripura state is also suffering from a food shortage, which has been aggravated by the floods which have followed the cyclone.

Four people have so far been reported missing, and the cost of cattle were floating on the rivers and flood waters. Government aid services in the region were reported inadequate and a general call for supplies from other parts of the country was sent out.—France-Press & United Press.

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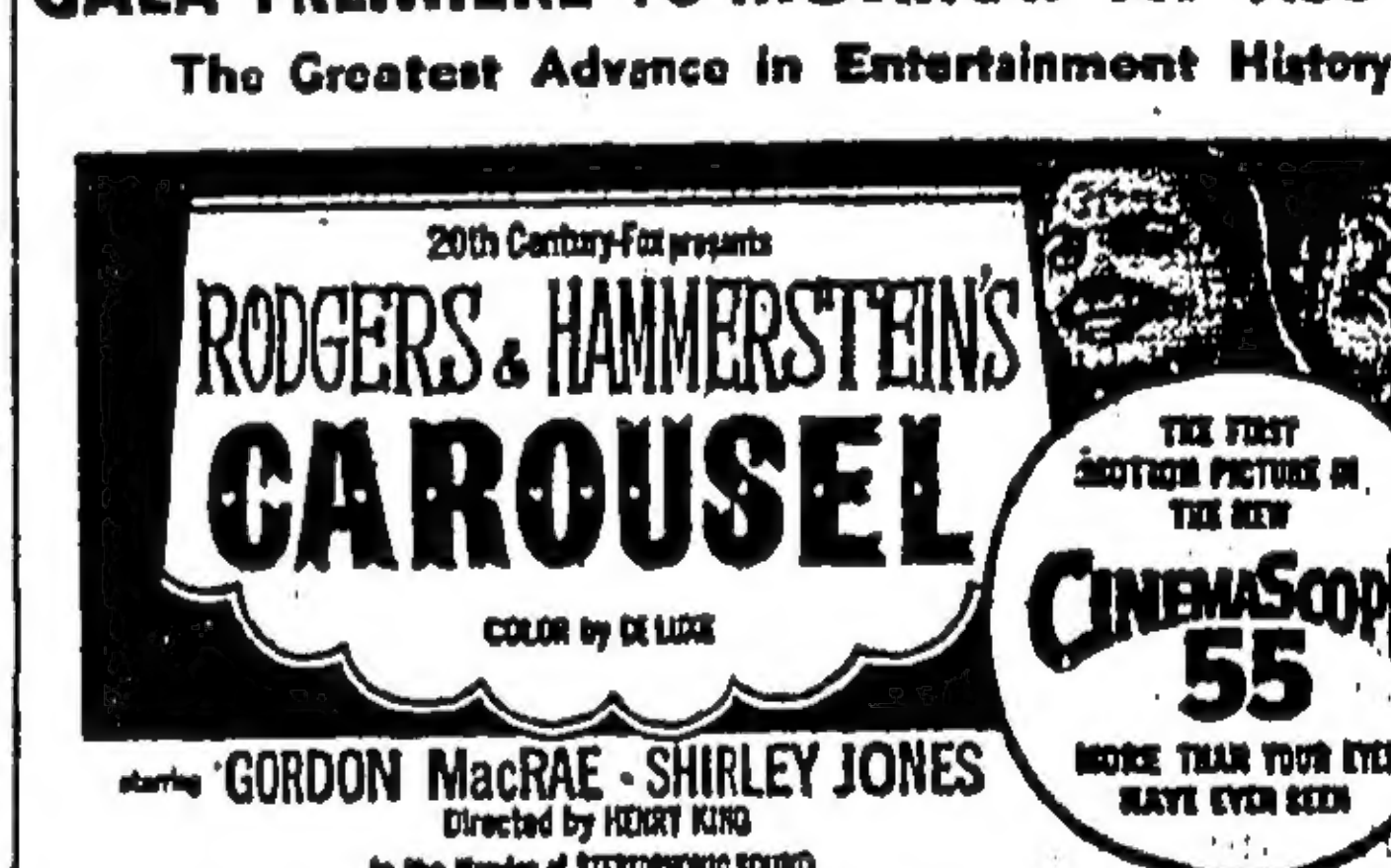
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Lord Montgomery Nuclear Warfare WEST NOT FACING REALITIES

Vancouver, June 5.
Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery charged yesterday that the armed forces of the West are "not facing up to the realities of nuclear war."

"We have to face up to a new concept of war," the Deputy NATO Commander declared in a press conference. "It has to be studied carefully. It may mean having forces in a different pattern, and throwing overboard tradition."

"Nuclear war would bring great destruction and untold misery to millions," he said. "But the alternative is to submit to communism."

PREFER TO DIE

"Personally I would prefer to die. I would accept my destruction rather than submit to their slavery."

The Marshal said NATO shows no sign of weakening in the face of Russian peace offensive although "solidarity is not easy if there is no fear."

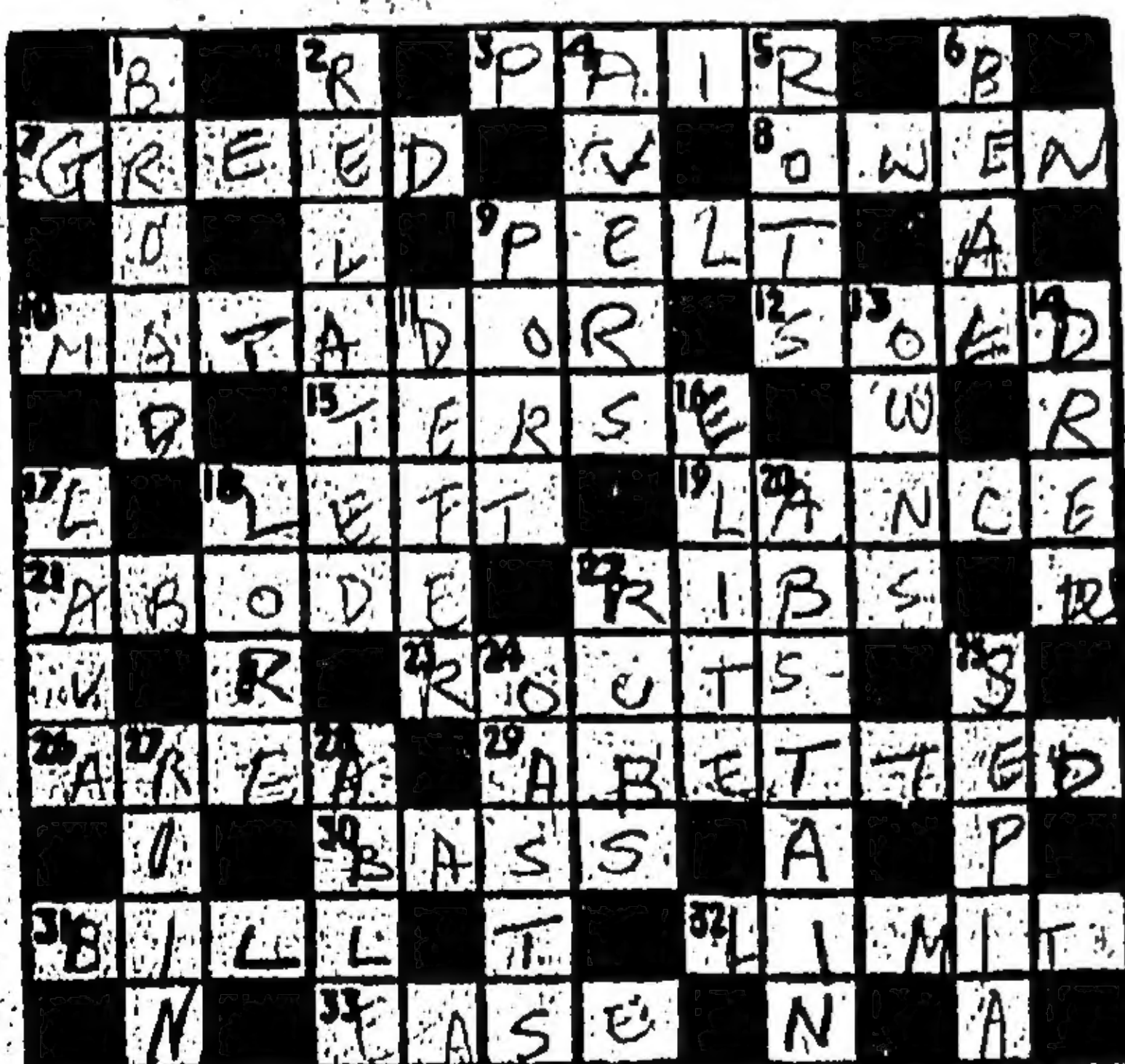
Russia's aim of world domination is not changed although it is now trying to do it with smiles, he added. "I like the smiles but I would like some deeds to come along."—United Press.

Ministers Resign

Beirut, June 5.
The Lebanese Foreign and Defence Ministers, Mr. Salim Lahoud and Mr. Magid Arsan, today submitted their resignations to Mr. Abdulla el Yafi, the Prime Minister.

The immediate cause of the Cabinet crisis was understood to be differences over alleged delays in the work of the Department of Reconstruction in rebuilding houses damaged in an earthquake last March.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Couple (4).
 - 7 Avocado (6).
 - 8 Sign (4).
 - 9 Fairy hand (7).
 - 10 Bullfighter (4).
 - 12 Disposed of for money (4).
 - 13 Concise (5).
 - 14 Departed (4).
 - 15 Weapon (5).
 - 21 Residence (6).
 - 22 Bikes (4).
 - 23 Puts to flight (5).
 - 24 Extinct (4).
 - 25 Discouraged (7).
 - 30 Yolk (4).
 - 31 Account (4).
 - 32 Boundary (5).
 - 33 Comfort (4).

- DOWN**
- 1 Wild (5).
 - 2 Told (7).
 - 3 Assured (5).
 - 4 Deeds (4).
 - 5 Chime (4).
 - 6 Wine (4).
 - 11 Submit to (5).
 - 12 Dipped (4).
 - 13 The best (5).
 - 14 Mollen discharge (4).
 - 15 Learning (4).
 - 20 Retain from (7).
 - 21 Chafe (4).
 - 24 Hop-lying idles (6).
 - 25 Pigeon (5).
 - 27 Devastation (4).
 - 28 Cleave (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Candid, 7. Earl, 9. Naive, 10. Little, 11. Told, 12. Resolution, 13. Rear, 14. May, 19. Despondent, 23. Late, 24. Never, 25. Tidy, 26. House, 27. Rodden, Down: 1. Animals, 2. Dwell, 3. Dilate, 4. Resolved, 5. Fresh, 6. Alone, 12. Brut, 13. Exact, 14. Observed, 17. Adieu, 18. Spuria, 20. Notes, 21. Exile, 22. Ass.

Afro-Asians To Discuss Algeria

ATTEMPT TO FORCE ISSUE IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL

United Nations, June 5.
The powerful Asian-African group will meet on Wednesday to act on an Arab demand for a Security Council meeting to consider the situation in Algeria.

Stockholm Prepares For Queen

Stockholm, June 5.
Flags began to appear all over Stockholm today as the city prepared for the arrival of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on Friday for a three-day state visit to Sweden.

Long banners in red, white and blue and the Swedish pale blue and yellow were hung across the main shopping streets. They were decorated with large medallions bearing the initials ER II in gold on a blue ground surrounded by the royal crown, and surrounded by the motto "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense."

Shops are decorating their windows with pictures of the Queen and Union Jacks. Evening newspapers in Stockholm tonight are filled with news and pictures of the departure of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in the Royal yacht Britannia from Middlesbrough last night.—Reuter.

Wedding Rings Sold Out

Budapest, June 5.
There were so many weddings in Budapest this spring that jewellers sold out of rings, reports the Hungarian News Service.

"We are making rings by the thousand—at double the normal rate—but it is impossible to supply the requirements of spring," said an official of the State Mint goldsmiths' department.

Statistics show that two out of every five of the bridegrooms are under 25 years of age.—China Mail Special.

Arab members of the 23-nation UN group were reported to be determined to make a formal request for a session of the Council, whether or not they obtain the general support of other Asian or African governments.

Opposition to a Council meeting on Algeria at least in the near future, has come from several members, notably India. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, revealed on May 22 a nine-point proposal for settling the conflict between the French and the Algerian nationalists. He did not favour handling by the Security Council.

Not Clarified

The Nehru plan is based on a ceasefire as a "first and essential step" and direct negotiations between the disputants.

The proposal, made in the name of the Indian Government, has not been further clarified, awaiting the reaction of the parties concerned. However, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Mr. Nehru's travelling diplomat, is in Paris and it is presumed he is discussing Premier Nehru's suggestions further with French officials.

Mr. Menon is expected in New York on Sunday or Monday. His primary assignment is a UN Trusteeship Council meeting. But there is little doubt that he will take advantage of the opportunity to talk with other delegates about the Algerian problem.

Cool To Proposal

One diplomatic source speculated that a "majority" of the Asian-African group would support the Arab effort to get Security Council action.

Turkey has flatly opposed such a course. The Philippines and some other delegations were understood to be cool to the proposal. Impartial observers believed France might succeed in blocking a Security Council meeting on Algeria.—United Press.

Deserter Shot

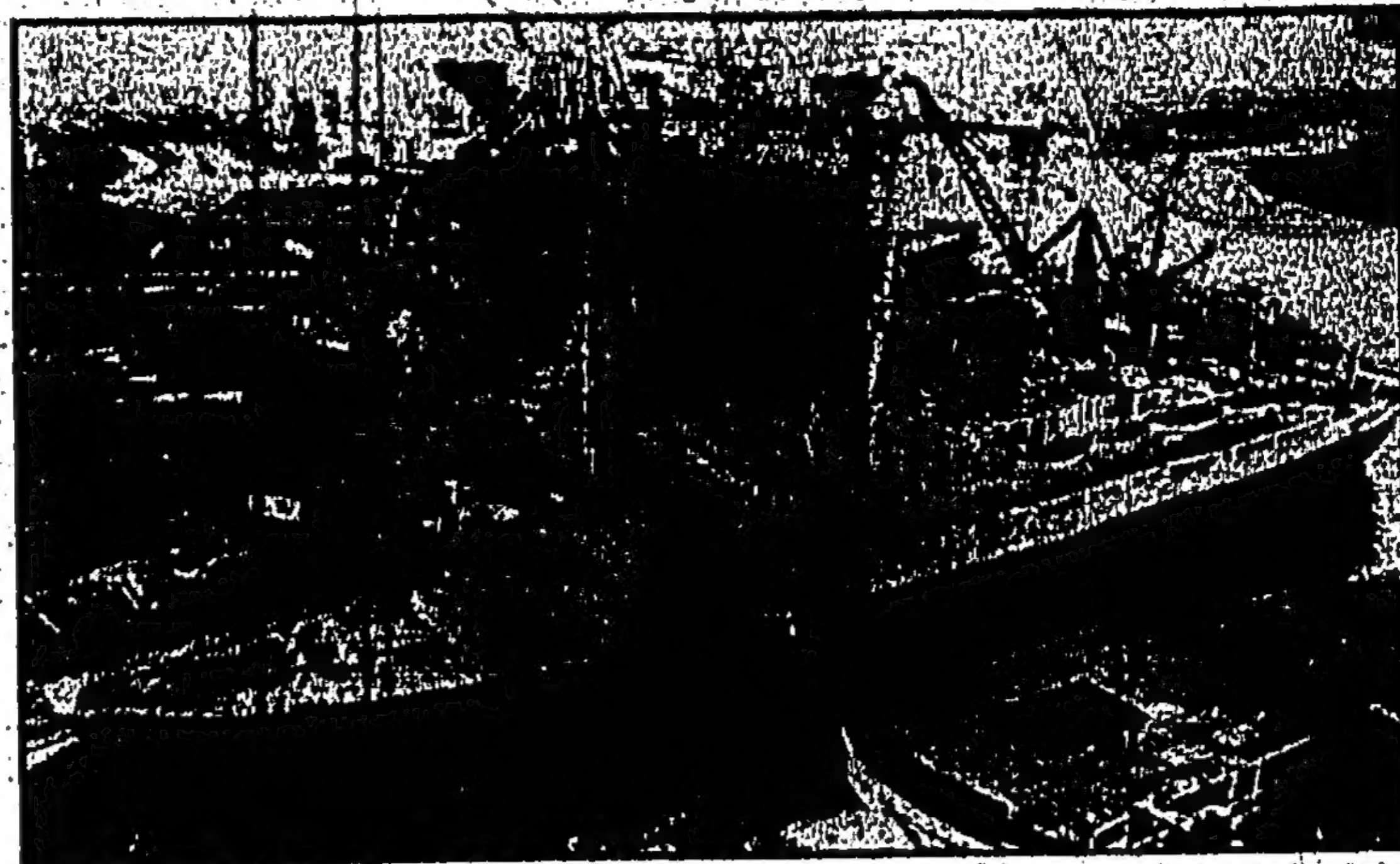
Algiers, June 5.
A French former Communist school-teacher and another European, thought to be a former officer-cadet, who deserted last April were shot dead in police operations against Algerian rebels in the Beni-Hachid area near Orléansville today.

The police had not finally identified the body of the presumed deserter, Henri Malliot, but said there was little doubt that it was he, despite the fact that his hair had been bleached.

Malliot, a former Communist Party member, went over to the Algerian rebels in April, last, with a heavy load of arms, including 85 automatic pistols and 12 boxes of grenades. On May 22, he was sentenced to death in his absence by an Algiers military court. The other European killed in today's operation was identified as Henri Labau, a former school-teacher and Communist Party member, who joined the rebels in 1955 after he had been informed that he was to be expelled from his country.—France-Press.

Olympic Postmarks

Canberra, June 5.
Fifty-two distinctive pictorial postmarks will be used in mail during the Olympic Games in November-December. The postmarks will illustrate all the Olympic sports, and their chief venues in Melbourne. The Philatelic Bureau of the Post Office in all Australian States will help stamp collectors to have every postmark with its special postmark.—China Mail Special.



Liner Nears Completion

Japan Approves Russian Treaties

Tokyo, June 5.
The Cabinet today approved the fisheries and sea rescue treaties negotiated with Russia in Moscow last month.

At the same time, the ministers agreed to resume peace negotiations with the Kremlin at London before July 31, a condition laid down by Russia before it agreed to sign the pacts on May 14.

Not Formally Valid

These two actions, when formally notified to the Soviet Government, would open the way for Japanese fishing operations in the million square mile

Soviet-restricted waters off Northeast Asia this year on a temporary basis.

The agreements would not become formally valid, however, until Japan resumes diplomatic relations with Russia, either by signing a peace treaty or exchanging ambassadors.

The Cabinet indicated it did not intend to treat Soviet diplomat Sergei Tichvinsky, who arrived in Tokyo last month, as an envoy in this sense.

During its session today, the Cabinet ministers reaffirmed the Government's position that Mr. Tichvinsky would be treated only as Russia's "official representative on fisheries problems."

Discuss Problems

As such, the Soviet officials chief functions, in the eyes of the Japanese Government, would be to discuss fishing licenses to Japanese boats, and discuss fisheries problems in the restricted area—the Okhotsk Sea, the western Bering Sea and the northwest Pacific Ocean—with the Japanese.

Announcement of the Cabinet decision was made to newspapers in a press conference by Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu.—United Press.

ISLAND TREASURE SEARCH

Djakarta, June 5.
A legend of treasure hidden in Indonesia by the defeated Japanese army has been given new life by reports that it is somewhere on Morotai Island.

The treasure was said to have been the accumulated spoils of the second world war and to have comprised diamonds and gold worth billions of Indonesian rupiahs.

According to reports from Morotai, one of nine Japanese soldiers recently found in the jungle there said that it had been hidden in the jungle.

Other Morotai reports are that Japanese vessels have been sighted off the coast planning to take away the treasure.—China Mail Special.

N. Vietnam Releases Troops

Paris, June 5.
North Vietnam had demobilized 50,000 troops since peace was restored to Vietnam in 1954, a spokesman of the North Vietnam Foreign Ministry said in Hanoi today, Communist New China News Agency reported.

He said that other troops would continue to be released so that they can be freed to work on the "rebuilding" of North Vietnam and on carrying out plans for the country's economic and cultural development.

The spokesman was replying to a statement by Walter Robertson, American Assistant Secretary of State, on June 1, that North Vietnam had received foreign arms and personnel. "The spokesman said this was an 'unjustified' charge," France-Press.

Discipline School For Dogs

Berlin, June 5.
A former airline pilot has opened a "boarding school for badly-trained dogs" in West Berlin.

Herr Holmut Sander said he had the idea when he improved the behavior of his own Alsatian after an improved six-week course of discipline.

He said his new school was a "hotel" with six dormitories in a bombed-out house and special guests for "disciplining" dogs. They take 25 new pupils every six weeks. The daily routine consists of morning training, three hours of play in the schoolyard and evening play. Some dogs like the music that they are unwilling to practice. The latest run away from Berlin is reported.—China Mail Special.

Moscow Calls For More Democracy

Moscow, June 5.
Supreme Soviet deputies who fail in their jobs may soon find themselves "sacked" by the people who voted them into office.

This is already laid down by the Soviet Constitution but has so far rarely been enforced. Action to enforce the right of recall is shortly to be taken in Byelorussia, the White Russian republic. A new bill is to establish procedures for recalling deputies who have "not justified the trust of the electorate."

Local Affairs

Disclosing the new move in an article in Izvestia, the President of the Byelorussian Supreme Soviet, Mr. V. Kozlov, said that usually the Supreme Soviet met only once a year to discuss the budget although the constitution provided for two meetings a year.

Each of the 16 Soviet republics has its own "Supreme Soviet" or "parliament" to deal with local affairs. They also elect deputies to a national Supreme Soviet.

Now, there may be a move to bring a little more democracy into the proceedings.

In his article, Mr. Kozlov did not disclose what the grounds would be for the recall of an unworthy deputy. In the past, he said, speeches at Supreme Soviet meetings had frequently been of a general nature with speakers "reciting previously prepared texts which more often than not are in the nature of reports on their own work."

No Proper Ties

The article was headed: "Develop Democracy to the Utmost in the Work of the Soviets."

Mr. Kozlov said that many local district and city councils "still violate Soviet democracy, have no proper ties with the masses and have not eliminated the red-tape methods of leadership there is much to be done and many allies in their work."—China Mail Special.

Students Demonstrate

Damascus, June 5.
Some two hundred Syrian university students demonstrated peacefully today demanding that the US Information Centre be closed here for distributing a music book containing the Israeli national anthem.

An Interior Ministry spokesman told reporters that the demonstrators were dispersed after a promise from Interior Minister Ali Buzo to consider the case.

The US Information Centre later issued a press release concerning press reports alleging it distributed music books which contained songs about Zion and Israel.

The release said the book "New Music Horizons" which included a song about Zion, was removed from its library a year ago. A second book referred to by the press was only copy of "Fireside Book of Folk Songs" which contained national songs from all over the world but did not contain Israel's national anthem as reported, the release added. It concluded that the US Information Centre did not make Israeli propaganda and does not intend to.—United Press.

THE POPE SAYS:

Church Can't Sanction Divorce

Vatican City, June 5.
Pope Pius XII said in a speech made public today that the Church has no power to sanction divorce even if it wanted to.

The Pope said this was because the marriage law was laid down by Jesus Christ and there it was not for the Church to decide.

Pope Pius made the comment in a speech to a special audience of University of Vienna professors on Sunday. The text of the speech was released today. In the part touching on marriage, the Pope said:

OFTEN BLAMED

"The Church has very often been blamed for the rigidity with which it insists on the indissolubility of the marriage tie. Yet, in this very field, the Church preaches, not in a spirit of inflexibility or excessive juridical rigour, almost as if it remained indifferent to the tragedies which occur in some cases, but simply in faithful application of the matrimonial law which was instituted by the divine founder of the Church and on which it is therefore not for the Church to decide."—United Press.

New 'Sounds' Demonstrated

Adelaide, June 5.
Mr. Percy Grainger, the Australian composer, has demonstrated a self-invented musical instrument which produces new sounds.

The instrument, similar to a reed organ, has 48 instead of the normal eight notes in the octave.

Mr. Grainger said: "I designed this narrowing of intervals between notes to give closer integration and freedom from present restrictions imposed by rhythm."

BY ITSELF

"The new instrument will play compositions by itself from a paper graph. "It will play controlled free rhythm music such as no human being could play." Mr. Grainger specialises in folk music. He has made more than 600 recordings and composed almost as many works for orthodox instruments.—China Mail Special.

PITS IDLE

Brussels, June 5.
One third of Belgium's coal pits were paralysed today by a strike of 250 pit engineers. Some 40,000 miners in 30 pits were unable to work. The engineers are asking a minimum guaranteed wage of 2,000 francs a week (\$40) and a guaranteed 26 days holiday a year.—United Press.

KIM IL SUNG IN MOSCOW

London, June 5.
Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Russian Prime Minister, today received Kim Il Sung, North Korean Premier, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. Kim Il Sung is passing through Moscow on his way to East Germany and an official visit.—Reuter.

SKINS WON CAR

Prague, June 5.
Seventy-four-year-old Mrs. B. Ottova of Hradec, a village north of here, exchanged three rabbit skins for three lottery tickets and won a brand new motor car in the draw. Because she cannot drive, she gave the car to her grand-daughter.—China Mail Special.

Buenos Aires, June 5.
Major-General Juan Francisco Zerk was today appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Argentine army in replacement of Lieutenant-General Juan Alberto Lavalle. General Zerk, 57, is a former army commander.—United Press.

'Kilowatt Race' Is Foolish

Pittsburgh, June 5.
Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today it would be foolish for the United States to embark on a "crash programme" of building atomic power plants just to keep ahead of Russia in a "kilowatt race."

Speaking at commencement exercises of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, he sharply criticized the proposal in congress to launch a major Government-financed programme of building atomic power plants.

Apprehension

Without mentioning names, he also leaked back at his fellow atomic commissioners, Thomas B. Murray, and some congressional Democrats who have charged that AEC, under Strauss' leadership, is conducting a "kilowatt race" to build an atomic power plant in the United States.

Mr. Strauss said there is "no foundation" in the charge that the proposed legislation, which the United States is looking out to build an atomic race. "The United States needs the world's best atomic power for the development of its peaceful uses of atomic energy, including the development of atomic power for the development of atomic power."

Acute Shortage

He said that in the long run foreign nations will benefit more from the useful U.S. research programme. In fact, potential atomic power from the United States is being used to generate electricity for Europe, facing an acute power shortage within a generation. "The new cheap source of power can be found about as fast as it can be exported here," he said.—United Press.

RICHEST OF ALL TASMANIAN LOTTERIES

The world's richest lottery prize of £250,000 is being offered by Tasmanian Lotteries in its latest mammoth sweep.

It is to be known as the Olympic Special and will comprise 100,000 subscribers with full tickets at £2.25 and share tickets at £2.25 each.

Total of £21,521,875 will be paid in prize money.

Apart from the first prize of £250,000 there will be five prizes of £250,000 each, 20 prizes at £25,000 and 815 prizes at £21,000 each.

A third sweep with a first prize of £250,000 is in the process of being filled.

Archer And Statham May Play At Nottingham

London, June 5. Two injured fast bowlers who are key men for the Tests, Ron Archer of Australia and Brian Statham of England, may be fit for the first match, starting at Nottingham on Thursday.

Both tested themselves at the nets today. Statham, who has been suffering from a groin strain, came through his tryout satisfactorily. Afterwards, Mr. C. G. Howard, the Lancashire Secretary, said "Statham is going to Trent Bridge tomorrow believing himself quite fit to play".

Archer, who has torn back muscle, a broken toe and bowed at full pace and did not seem unduly troubled.

Also with Archer in the nets were Colin McDonald (strained thigh), Ray Lindwall (strained thigh) and Alan Davidson (bruised thumb).

All looked fairly confident, so the only player who can be ruled out of the Australian side is batsman Ian Craig, who left hospital only last night following his stomach trouble.

Ian Johnson, the Australian captain, is expected to name 12 players tomorrow from whom the Test team will be chosen. —China Mail Special.

Pakistani And Indian Players Prominent In Tennis Tourney

London, June 5. Pakistani and Indian players were prominent in the Northern Lawn Tennis tournament at Manchester today. Among the results were the following:

Men's singles — 2nd round

K. Saeed (Pakistan) beat J. Upton (Britain) 6-7, 6-2.
S. Krishnan (India) beat O. P. Pann (Britain) 6-0, 7-5.
N. Kumar (India) beat M. Clinch (Britain) 6-0, 6-1.

Third round

J. Drobny (Egypt) beat J. Seyyed (Pakistan) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
I. Vermaak (South Africa) beat R. K. Hale (India) 6-1, 6-2. —France-Press.

Singapore Cancels Soccer Interport With Philippines

Singapore, June 5. The Singapore Amateur Football Association decided at a meeting last night to cancel the annual interport soccer series with the Philippines.

This decision was taken when a Philippine team failed to keep its date for a match in Singapore last month.

The SAFA Council decided instead to arrange an annual series with either Vietnam or Indonesia. A spokesman said if Vietnam agreed to the proposal, a Singapore team could stop over at Saigon while on its way to Hongkong for the annual Aw Hoe Cup competition in November. —United Press.

INDIAN RIFLE TEAM HERE

The Indian Rifle team that competed against the Colonies recently arrived in the Colony yesterday by TAC from Tokyo to compete in some friendly matches against the Hongkong Rifle Association, today at 10.30 a.m.

Led by their Captain, Dr. H. Damerjee, the team will stay in the Colony until Friday, when they will leave for Bangkok. Other members of the team are: Mr. Parbhat, Gangaiah (captain), M. S. Bhat, Gangaiah, Balwant, Singh, Keshav, Son, Ramdas, Dal Gupta and H. C. Shaw.

Selling Plates No Longer Serving A Useful Purpose

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The bidding for selling plate winners has often surprised even the most hardened regular racegoer. The general public cannot hope to fathom the whys and wherefores of some horses making good prices after winning this type of race while for others there is no bid at all.

For instance, at Kempton on April 2, Runfast, an unimpressively-bred colt, won the selling race and was sold to the American, Mr. Ray Bell, for 840 guineas.

It was his first success and he owed it almost entirely to the opportunism of Willie Smith, who was coming in on the move as the tapes went up and got away to a flying start.

Runfast beat the favourite Saucy Kate, by a length and was giving her 4lb. more than weight-for-age. Runfast probably fetched just about his value.

The other day Saucy Kate won a selling race over a further further by three lengths under too weight and there was no bid for her.

NICELY BRED

She is a nicely-bred filly by Hard Sauce, who is having a good season as a sire. Her dam is by Winnet and Winnet has many have plenty of courage and stamina.

Saucy Kate had been turned out looking really well by Jack Sirett and is improving physically as well as in racing ability.

From the breeding point of view she must be worth £1500 at today's values and she is certainly worth more than her Kempton conqueror, Runfast.

Despite strenuous efforts by the auctioneer, nobody would bid the entered selling price of 200 guineas and she was led away unsold. She is sure to win again.

At Birmingham yesterday, Nanayana and Concrete dead-heated in the selling race three lengths in front of her nearest rival. After the race nobody would bid £100 for either of the dead-heaters.

BEATEN ON MERIT

Yet the fourth horse, Love Is Blind, who started at odds-on was sold for 340 guineas. He had finished five lengths behind the winners, and was his fourth outing. He had been beaten entirely on merit after having every chance.

League Tennis

KCC lost to Recreio yesterday in the Men's "B" Division in the only League Tennis match played yesterday.

KCC lost to Recreio by 4-5. C. M. Gullford and H. Hanel (KCC) beat K. H. Lee and K. S. Yam 6-2, 6-0; lost to M. S. Lee and J. Cheng 3-6.
P. Peterson and P. King (KCC) drew with K. H. Lee and K. S. Yam 6-6; beat M. S. Lee and J. Cheng 6-4; beat H. Chen and R. B. Lu 6-4.

A. C. J. Struycken and A. P. Gaudy (KCC) lost to K. H. Lee and K. S. Yam 1-6, lost to M. S. Lee and J. Cheng 6-0, lost to H. Chen and R. B. Lu 5-7.

GIBSON WINS TENNIS TITLE



Althea Gibson of the USA kisses her trophy after beating British little holder Angela Mortimer to win the French Ladies' Singles tennis final last week. Althea, 28, holds a B.Sc. degree in Agriculture and Mechanics. Her next target—Wimbledon. —Express Photo.



This week we make the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade a target for the sharp shooters from 6 COD who have just returned to the Colony after a most successful visit to Singapore in which they captured the Far East Championship of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Well shot . . . 6 COD . . .

The swimming and water polo season is now getting into its stride and already there is good reason for optimism that the Army will once again be well represented in the Colony Water Polo competition.

There seems to be a feeling abroad that after the bountiful experience of last year when the soldiers had a most successful time this will be a lean year. The feeling is probably a type of wishful thinking by some of last season's defeated opponents but it is certainly not shared by those who organise Army water polo.

Talking to one who is closely connected with the sport I was pleased to hear him say that first indications are in fact more encouraging than those at the start of last season, and with the hub and army North's preliminary activities — has been open for many weeks.

HIGH AS EVER

The two Army teams may not have the same outstanding personalities as they had at the end of last season, but any opposition who takes them lightly may get an unpleasant surprise. The strength of the two teams is to the present little more than conjecture shown in recent years by both players and organisers is apparently as high as ever—and that is a good sign.

Army North will be in action against the Dockyard in the League match at Victoria Pool tomorrow evening at 6.30 p.m. and next Tuesday they will be back at the same venue for a match against their old traditional rivals the Royal Navy. This game will start at 6 p.m. On the same evening Army South will be over at the RAAF Pool at Kaitak to meet the Royal Air Force.

These will be testing games for the new Army teams and will give the selectors a clear indication of exactly what sort of season lies ahead . . . and show them how much team strengthening—if any—will be necessary if last year's successes are to be repeated.

CONTINUED

The depletion of this season's Army soccer team will be continued when the troopship "Cheshire" sails at the weekend. If the ship's company decide to have any games along the way they will have three good forwards available as Chalmers, McMillan and Middleton will all be on board.

The first team players throughout the season although Chalmers had a rehabilitation spell in the reserves when he returned to the game after a lengthy stay in hospital as the result of a nasty shoulder injury received against South China.

McMillan, surely one of the most enthusiastic players to appear in Army colours in a long time, was a great favourite with the Chinese fans. His boundless energy and his happy-go-lucky approach to the game was always entertaining, but from a team point of view, his outstanding qualities were his versatility and his exemplary team spirit which enabled him to play without a quibble wherever he was needed.

During the season he was picked at right-back, right-half and for every forward position . . . and in fact he also played in goal in an emergency. Opinions are divided as to which is his best position, but I hazard a guess that he will eventually make his name as a centre-forward.

SOCCER OPPORTUNITY

Chalmers has played many fine games at inside-forward and rumour has it that he will not have long to wait for soccer opportunity when he gets home. Allied to a good sense of position and strength on the ball, Chalmers also possesses the happy knack of cracking in with his left foot. He has scored many times recently, but the one I most highly value was his glorious 30 yards free-kick against Portugal in the International Cup and his report of it against Kitching in the Stanley Shield.

Chalmers and McMillan, the two 20 miles of each other in Scotland, and it would not be surprising if they were to get the player now.

GOLF BRITISH PROS GET AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX WHENEVER THEY MEET AMERICANS

By ALAN HOBY

Is Britain finished as a leading golf power? Are many of her top professionals past their prime? And how much longer is the biennial Ryder Cup slaughter to go on?

In one of the bluntest warnings I have seen Australian star Norman von Nida, now back in England, declares:—

"Today Australia is second only to America in producing good golfers, with South Africa and Argentina high up while Britain is dragging the chain most painfully."

Referring to those endless Ryder Cup "massacres" the forthright von Nida—"I am no diplomat. . . If I believe a thing needs saying, I say it—adds:—

"Somehow it looks as though the Cup will never be won in Britain again, for their golfers seem to be beaten before they start."

Whenever they meet Americans, British pros get an inferiority complex, says von Nida, with the result that every two years the Yanks paste their ears off.

GOLFING WIZARDS

"Unless Britain produces not one but several golfing wizards like James Braid, Harry Vardon or Henry Cotton, very surely, she will have to choose her team from the same old players. . . most of them well past their prime."

Continuing to toss verbal hand grenades at the Old Guard professionals in England von Nida tartly observes: "I would say that only Dai Rees, Peter Alliss, Bernard Hunt and perhaps Max Faulkner are worthy of inclusion in any future Ryder Cup team."

"The remainder have lost their form so badly, or their keenness, rest, and will to win, that they should not even be considered."

"Better to try some young unknowns and hope to build for the future; and in the meantime at worst, the result will be the same."

Even if Britain discards the older players, the future remains uncertain, indeed, with few if any young players coming along of the Cotton, Peter Thomson or Bobby Locke calibre, von Nida obligingly steps forward with his free-of-charge master plan to salvage Britain's golfing prestige.

New Booking Scheme For Deep Water Bay Golf Course

Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club are advised that as an experimental measure it has been decided to arrange for the booking of starting times for the Deep Water Bay Course on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. First and second round times may be booked in accordance with the schedule by telephoning 32340 during the usual office hours.

All times will be allotted on a "first come first served" basis.

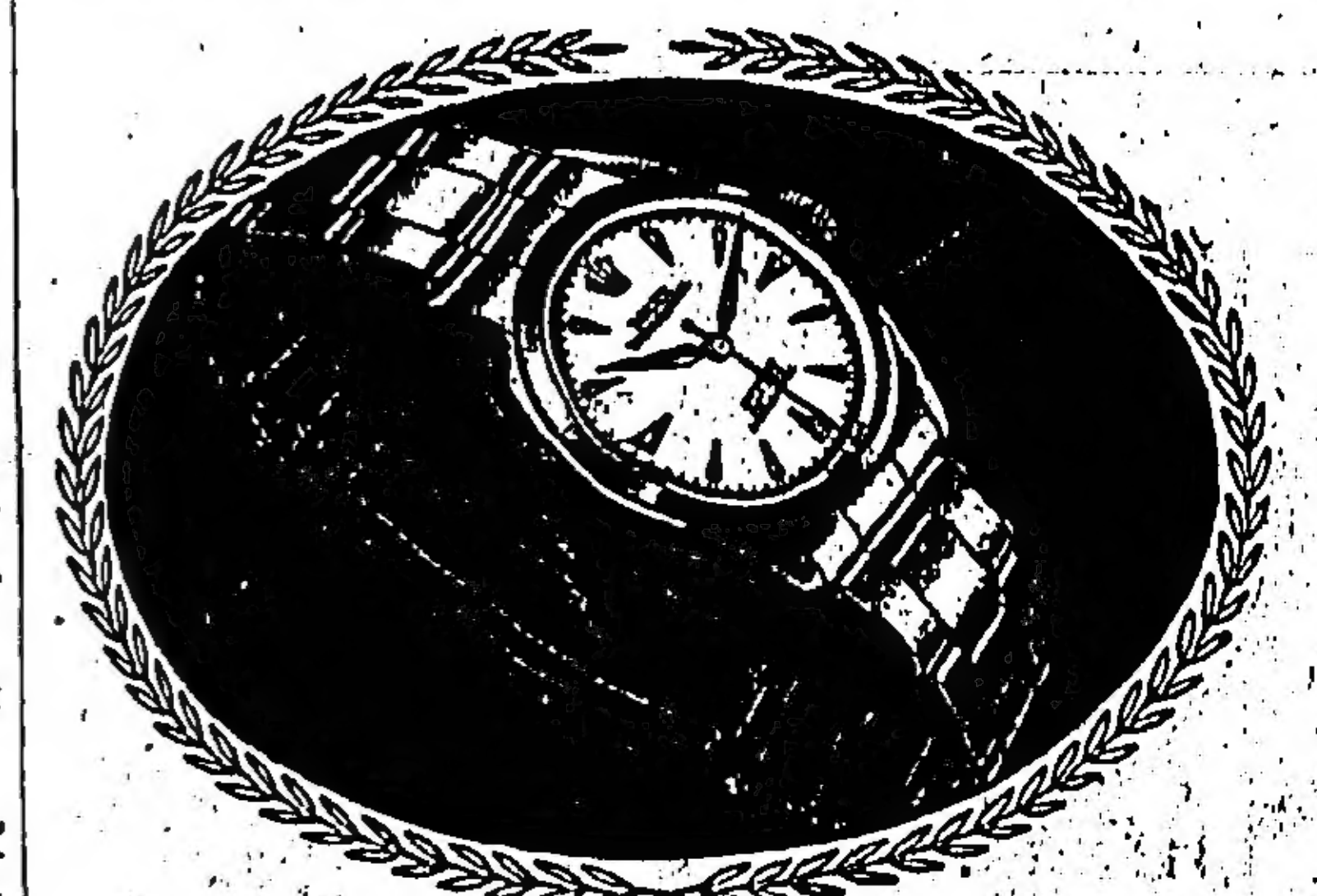
The schedule is:—Saturdays, first round, from 2 p.m. at 5-minute intervals to 8.05 p.m. Second round from 3.15 p.m. at 5-minute intervals to 4.20 p.m.

Sundays — "A", first round, 8.30 a.m. at 5-minute intervals to 9.35 a.m. Second round, 9.45 a.m. at 5-minute intervals to 10.50 a.m.

Sundays — "B", first round, 11.10 a.m. at 5-minute intervals to 12.15 p.m. Second round, 12.35 p.m. at 5-minute intervals to 1.30 p.m.

Closing time for the receipt of bookings is 12 noon on Saturdays.

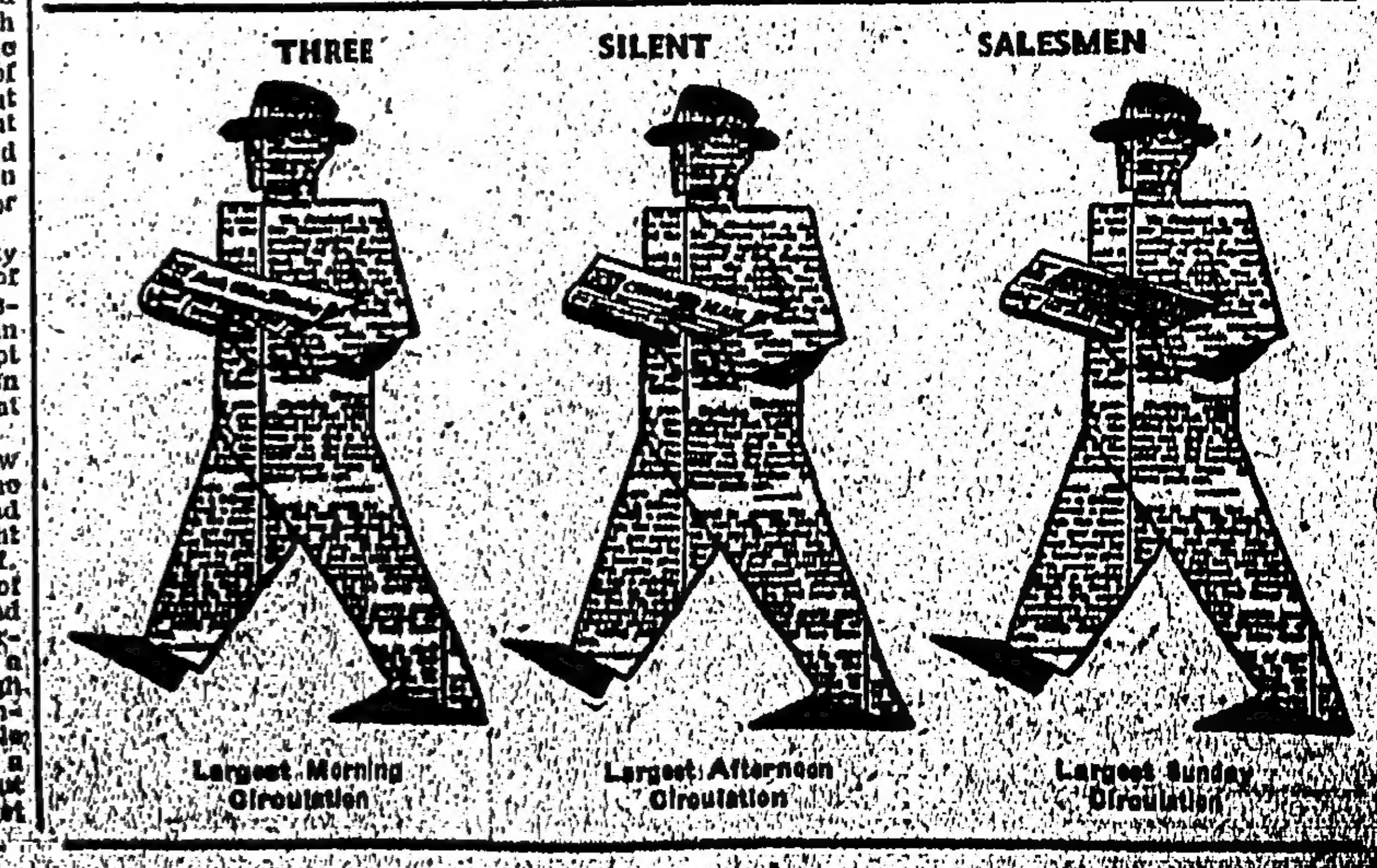
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Swedish Reds Launch Hate Campaign

Bid For Sympathy Of The Workers

Stockholm, June 5.

Sweden's Communists, unsuccessful rivals with the moderate Social Democrats for the Labour vote, are this month launching a hate campaign against employers in a bid for working class sympathy.

As their pretext, they are making up the 25th anniversary of Sweden's "Tolpuddle Martyrs" whom the Social Democrats are happy to forget in the belief that bygone should be bygones.

Some Social Democrats have left the Communists that their platform in the autumn elections will be unduly weak if the "martyrs" are the only enemies which they can find for it.

The "martyrs" were five workers killed and another five injured in a clash between strikers and soldiers at Andalen, a lumber centre in north Sweden, in May 1931. That year marked the break-through of social democracy in Sweden and the start of the modern Swedish state with all the social and spiritual changes which have made, and/or marred it—according to the political views of the beholder.

In Procession

The dead strikers were taken part in a procession 25 years ago protesting against their employers' decision to bring strike-breakers to Andalen. A royal commission appointed to enquire into their deaths has traced the history of the tragedy.

It started in the spring of 1931 when workers at the Andalen sulphate factory struck against their employers' decision to reduce their wages because demand for sulphate had temporarily fallen off. Workers in other Andalen factories came out in sympathy.

Despite their claim that demand had fallen off, the factories had consignments waiting to be packed and shipped. To do this, the management called in 60 strike-breakers from Stockholm who were made to load the consignments on to a ship.

The strikers attacked them and the local police tried in vain to restore order. Soldiers were summoned. The strikers threw stones at them and the soldiers retaliated with smoke bombs. Order was not restored until the following day.

Immediate Cessation

Then the local branch of the Transport Workers Union called a protest meeting against the use of strike-breakers. Feelings rose when workers who had been burned by the smoke bombs showed their wounds.

A group of Communists called for an immediate cessation of work in the whole Andalen district and a procession of protest to the barracks in which the soldiers were billeted.

About 3,500 men with a sprinkling of women and children lined up and started off towards the barracks. At their head were a brass band and men carrying red banners.

The soldiers had been forewarned of the procession and their Commander instructed to stop it. He had a line drawn over the road and posted machine gunners on the barracks side of it. Their orders were to shoot if the demonstrators crossed the line.

The police had been instructed to place men on the other side of the line. Their duty was to read the Riot Act to the demonstrators and warn them that the machine gunners would fire if they set their feet over the death line.

Owing to what the Royal Commission described as a misunderstanding between the police and the military, the demonstrators were not warned.

Settled in Principle

Hurling stones, screaming abuse, singing and cheering they swept over the line. The machine gunners hesitated for a brief second and then let loose a volley. Five strikers were killed outright, five others were injured and a girl watching the procession received a bullet in her breast which later killed her.

As the dead lay still and the wounded writhed on the reddened ground, the local police superintendent was racing up to the line. He raced up with the news that the County authorities had ordered employers to cease employing

strike-breakers. But before he arrived, the demonstrators, faced with the threat of more bullets, dispersed.

The Andalen dispute was settled in principle but indignation against what the Labour press called a "massacre" spread throughout Sweden.

Protest strikes broke out all over the country. The relatives of the dead refused church funeral rites for them. Instead, they were buried in the strains of songs sung by the revolutionaries in Russia a dozen years earlier.

Instead of a panegyric by a priest, the mourners heard a diatribe against the bourgeoisie by a local Communist.

Doing Fine

Since then, no Swedish employer has ever used strike-breakers. Returning prosperity and a new code of social laws helped to heal the wounds in the national memory. In Andalen itself, a life-long friendship grew up between one of the wounded men and the soldier who had shot him.

Today, Andalen has little time for Communist pleas for a "United Workers Front." "We are doing fine as we are," is the verdict of most inhabitants.—China Mail Special.

Mozart Choir Rehearses In London



Girl members of the Dortmund Mozart choir are pictured rehearsing in Hyde Park, London, last week for a concert to be given at the West German Embassy. The choir had just concluded a concert trip to Wales.—Express Photo.

Instead, He Got Into It All

One small craft, returning from Lantau to Hongkong Island, received a severe buffeting at the height of yesterday's squall.

Owner of the yacht was Mr William Smyly, well-known Sunday Post-Herald feature writer.

When he landed in Hongkong last night after a seven-hour lone-hand struggle against the gale-force winds, he said: "I was trying to get away from it all—and I nearly succeeded."

He pointed to a straggly-looking white pointer and added: "She was rather seasick."

Malaya Deportees Not Coming Here

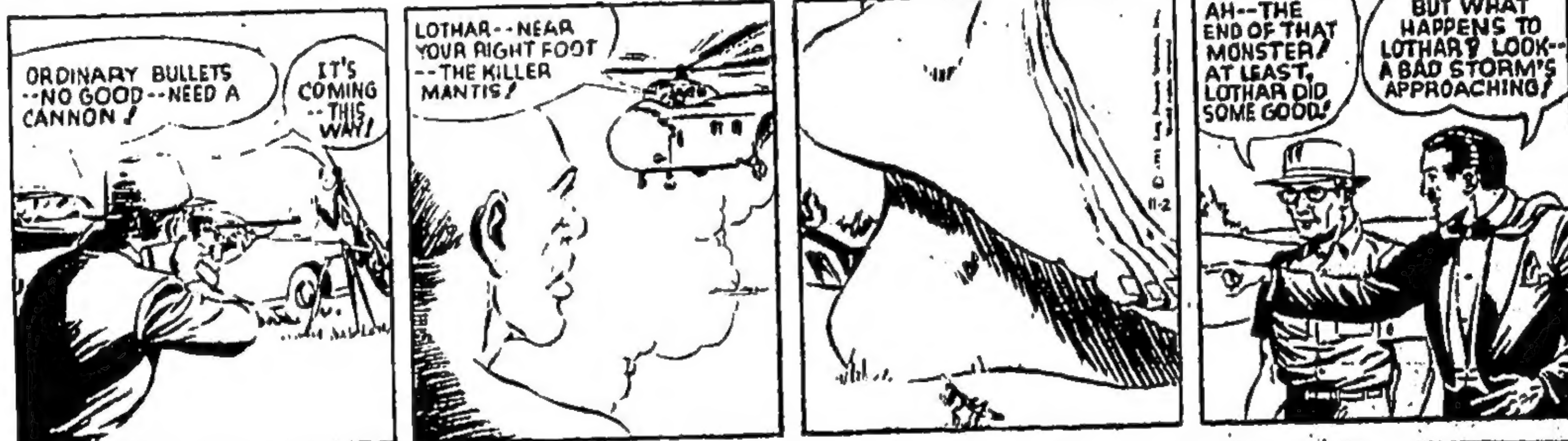
The 2,916-ton Norwegian freighter Sandviken, carrying 100 Chinese deportees from Port Swettenham to China, will go direct to Canton, it was learned this morning.

Among the deportees is Chong Boon-chin, 28, whose wife arrived here by air from Singapore yesterday reportedly to plead with the authorities to allow her husband to stay in Hongkong.

The Sandviken is due to arrive here from Canton on Friday.

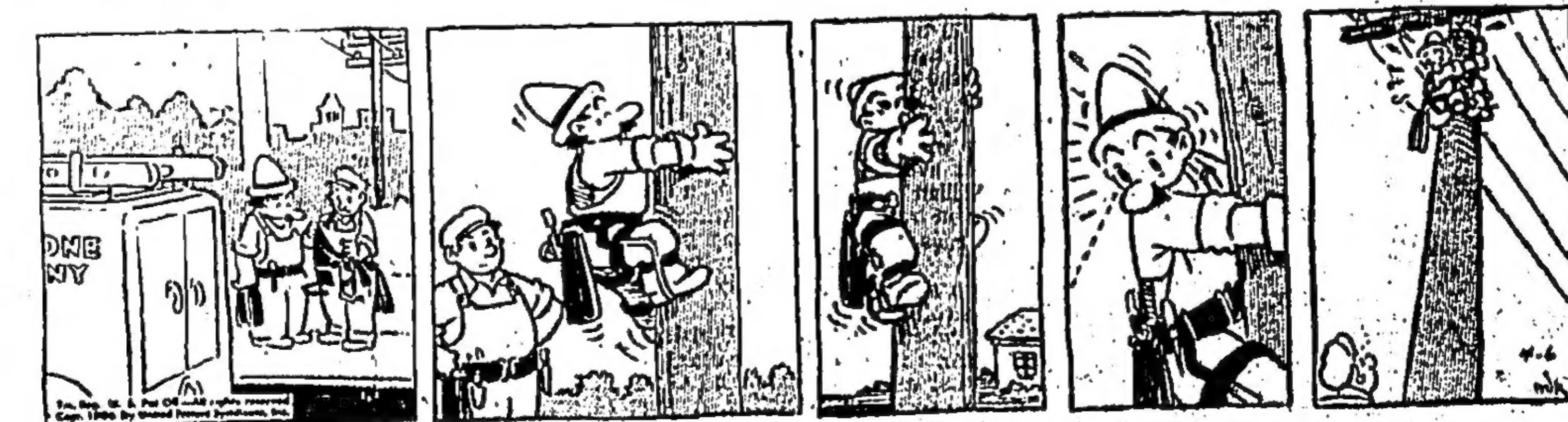
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Alaska Awaited Spring Rush For The North

Anchorage, June 5

United States and Canadian building workers are expected to start their annual spring "gold rush" north to Alaska following an announcement by Army Engineers that a total of 110,000,000 dollars (nearly \$40,000,000) will be spent on defence work in the coming summer.

From now until mid-summer, the northward migration of would-be workers will fill motorcars travelling north over the Alaska Highway and force airlines running services to Alaska to put on extra aircraft.

Lured by tales of fabulous rates of pay on the defence projects, many of the workers will end the summer as bitterly disappointed and poor in pocket as the majority of gold-seekers who took part in the Klondike rush of the last century.

Stranded

Every spring, the Alaska Territorial Employment Service, union officials and building firms warn workers against making the trip north unless they have a definite promise of a job or sufficient funds for a long stay and a round-trip ticket.

Just as surely every spring, hundreds of workers make the trip on speculation. They soon find their funds eaten away by inflated Alaskan prices and are often stranded until they get more money from home or manage to work their way south.

Workers who come here will find wages considerably higher than those in Canada or the United States. But higher prices for food, clothing and shelter do much to offset this.

In addition, they will find that a majority of unions and firms give preference on jobs to permanent residents and workers who have been here in past seasons—and the long winter months make the summer

work season unusually short in these northern latitudes.

While this season's announced total of 110,000,000 dollars expenditure on defence projects represents a considerable drop compared with some past seasons when as much as a quarter billion dollars have been spent, it will still mean three or four months of frenzied work to complete contracted jobs before the snow comes.

Many projects will be working on a round-the-clock basis helped by the almost continuous summer daylight of the far north.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Strangers Abroad In London

THEY met outside the language school where the girl, who came from Switzerland, had been studying English, and the boy, who came from Jamaica, happened to be. "Will you," said the boy, whose name was Edward, "do me the honour of coming and having a cup of chocolate with me?"

"How can I?" the Swiss girl asked. "I don't even know your name."

"My name is Edward," Edward continued, "and I'll be glad to tell you my name if you only know."

AT JOE'S PLACE

THE Swiss girl agreed at last to have a cup of chocolate. She was doing domestic work in London and had a little time on her hands before her employer would expect her back. Do you have more please, where you have chocolate?" the Swiss girl asked.

"My friend Joe has made at his place," said Edward, "and I'll be glad to tell you my name if you only know."

"So they did. They went to Joe's apartment room, and Joe was there to welcome them. On the table, while Edward and the Swiss girl talked rather seriously, as he recalled later, the two of them of the world."

TWO VERSIONS

THING of the couples of the world, Edward said recently, "That's a love ring you're wearing."

As the Swiss girl remembers it, Edward slipped the ring from her finger and said, "I'll give it you back, next time we meet."

Edward's impression is that she said, "I'd like you to wear this for two days, till we meet again."

Whichever it was, Edward went off to his home with the ring that night. The next time they met, for a walk in the park he failed to return it.

As he saw the girl to her bus, she said: "Please bring my ring next time we meet. My father has given it to me, it is of great value with sentiment." Edward did not turn up for the next meeting they had planned.

AHAMED

THE Swiss girl began to worry then about her ring. She went to the police.

Next time Edward saw the Swiss girl it was again at Joe's home. But this time she arrived with a detective. "I believe you have a ring," the detective began.

Edward bowed his head. "I did borrow that ring," he said. "I am most deeply ashamed. I pawned it."

"I didn't like to see this lady till I got it back, which I will when I am paid next week. You see, when I borrowed it, I was out of work."

At Marylebone court, Edward pleaded not guilty to stealing the ring. The Swiss girl told her part of the story, the detective told his.

Edward said, "I was so ashamed I didn't want to tell her I'd pawned the ring. I pawned a lot of my belongings."

"I meant to return the ring and the other things when I got paid."

The magistrate, Mr. Geoffrey Hapgood, called the Swiss girl back.

"Why did you let him have the ring?" he asked. "Because I didn't see him took it," she said. "But it was on your finger!" The girl shrugged.

A STOWAWAY

THE case was found proved. The magistrate was told there were two previous convictions against him for stowing away to reach England. In 1947, for a fraud on the National Assistance funds in 1951.

He was fined £5 and given a month in which to find the money from the £8 a week wage he earned as a cook.

The Swiss girl went away. So did Edward. They left by different doors. Two strangers here who had not found an answer to London's casual, well-meaning indifference to strangers.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Your mother was in here yesterday asking me what career I was aiming at—is your father curious, too?"

Water Storage Gain Of 47 Million Galls

The Colony's reservoirs gained 74 million gallons in the 24-hour period ending at 8 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning.

Total storage this morning was 1,571 million gallons. Consumption yesterday was 20 million gallons and the yield from streams and catchment areas 104 million gallons.

Reservoirs registered by the Water Authority at Tylam was 1,400 inches, Aberdeen 1,200 inches, Pokfulam 1,150 inches and 1,340 inches at Shing Mun, in the New Territories.

Japanese Brides Arrive Here On Way To Australia

Three Japanese post-war brides, Mrs. E. Russell, Mrs. R. Cross and Mrs. O. Taylor, and two brides-to-be, arrived here in the ss Changli from Japan this morning en route to Sydney.

Mrs. Cross was accompanied by her husband, S/Sgt. N. Cross, of Sydney, who has been eight years in the Australian army. Mrs. Taylor was accompanied by her small daughter.

The brides-to-be were Miss Nakagawa and Miss H. Yachino, both of Kure, who will respectively marry Pt. Don Murray and Sgt. Don Allen when they arrive in Sydney.

Other members of the Australian army returning home in the Changli were F/Lt. Boyd, Sgt. E. Fallon and Pt. R. A. W. Wall.

Sgt. Fallon, of Sydney, has been in the army for more than 16 years with three and a half years in Japan.

US Sub In Port

The 1,525-ton 311-foot-long American submarine Bashaw entered port this morning on a recreational visit. The submarine, under the command of Lieut. Cmdr T. M. Shedd, is the submarine hunter killer type converted from the Gato Class.

LEFT SHIP WITHOUT PERMISSION

For entering the Colony without a permit from the Immigration Office, Wu Yung-yuan, 31, a sailor employed by Mollers and Company Limited, was cautioned and bound over in the sum of \$50 for one year, by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

SI G. J. Riddell of the Immigration Office said he was engaged in clearing the man, when at about 8.20 a.m. the defendant presented himself for clearance.

He produced a seaman's identity card issued by the master of the ss Hamilton Harbour. When asked for further documentation, he was unable to produce any.

Inspector Riddell said that following enquiries it was ascertained that the defendant had deserted his ship, Hamilton Harbour in Saigon, and that the French authorities had repatriated him back to Hongkong by the Vietnam. In the circumstances Inspector Riddell said, he had to refuse him permission to land in Hongkong, and served a notice of detention on the master of the vessel.

At 6.20 p.m. on June 4 however, Inspector Riddell said he was informed by Mr. Meher of Messageries Maritimes that Wu had been missing from the ship since 8 p.m. on the same day.

Embezzlement Charge

Ho Chi anh Ho Sam-chu, 47, of No. 177, Des Voeux Road West, ground floor, was remanded for three days by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida at Central this morning on a charge of embezzlement.

It was alleged that Ho embezzled \$1,000.00 from Luk Lim between October 4 and December 1, last year.

The Crown Opens Its Case

BRITISH OFFICERS AND CHINESE ON TRIAL

A detailed account of the procedure involved in the employment of local contractors by the War Department for construction work was given by Mr. D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, in his outline of the case against a Chinese contractor and two British Army officers accused of conspiracy and corruption before Judge K. R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The accused are Chau Chung-sang, managing partner of the Shun Hing Construction Co., Major Donald Peachey, 47, and Capt. Harry Curtis, 46, both of the Royal Engineers, attached to the RE Works Service.

The three are alleged to have conspired together between November 12, 1953, and August 10, 1954, to cheat and defraud the Government in connection with construction work by the Shun Hing firm.

First accused is also charged on three counts of corruption, six of larceny and one of fraudulent conversion. The last count was described as alternative to the larceny charges.

Peachey is additionally charged on two counts of corruption. Curtis is charged on one corruption count.

Mr. Desmond Mayne and Mr. J. W. D. Hobbie, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Chief Inspector W. Apper.

Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. K. Y. Yung, of Zimmern and Co., is representing Chau Chung-sang, Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. J. C. B. Slack, of Hastings and Co., is defending Peachey and Curtis.

Mr. Mayne said that during the relevant time, first accused was the managing partner of the Shun Hing firm with offices at 100 Prince Edward Road. At the relevant period, second accused was in charge of supervising all Army construction work in the western region of the New Territories.

Use Press Bench

At this stage, Mr. Clifford asked His Honour permission for his clients to sit either on the seats by the side of the Courtroom or by Counsel's side, so that they could hear what Crown Counsel was saying.

His Honour thereupon ordered the Press Bench cleared so that the three accused could be accommodated with the prison officers by their side.

Continuing his opening, Mr. Mayne said that for the purposes of Army construction work, the New Territories was divided into two sections, eastern and western. The matters concerned in the present case were alleged to have taken place in the western region, supervised by second accused.

Third accused was a garrison engineer in the western region. He was Peachey's deputy. The western region was in turn subdivided into two sections, in one of which Curtis was in charge.

Crown Counsel said the corruption charges against the two officers dealt with the alleged receiving of gifts. The

larceny charges against Chau are in connection with the alleged misappropriation of bitumen.

The corruption charges alleged that gifts were received by accused as a reward for showing favours to the Shun Hing firm by assisting the company to obtain construction work from the War Department, allowing inferior materials and inferior work to be used and certifying incorrectly the value of the materials used.

Pursuant to an order by the Court, Mr. Mayne continued, he had supplied the Defence with detailed particulars in respect of all the charges.

Crown Counsel went on to say that the evidence would be that first accused managed the company and controlled its finances. The evidence would show that first accused's brother was employed in the Shun Hing firm as a general foreman. He was engaged on sites which were the subject matter of some of the charges.

Mr. Mayne then explained in detail the manner in which War Department building contracts were entered into and the manner in which they were carried out.

Approved Panel

The War Department Headquarters in Hongkong had a panel of approved contractors. It was open for local contractors to make application to get into the panel. If a contractor applied to do so, his resources and general ability were examined by the military authorities.

If the Departments was satisfied with the contractor, he was placed in the panel. Whenever work was required to be done by the Department, the contractors in the panel were given specimens of the work and were invited to send in tenders.

The person who put in the lowest tender got the contract. Crown Counsel continued. After the tender had been carefully checked, the contractor in question was notified. At the time the contractor put forward his tender, he must be aware of the conditions of the contract, the types of materials to be used, what he had to do and the time in which he had to perform the contract.

The contractor was then given a document which told him on what date the site was to be handed over to him for work to begin. There was a sort of "hierarchy of supervision", comprising, at the top, the DCRE (Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers) — in this case, the second accused — the garrison engineer (Curtis), the clerk of works and, sometimes, the deputy clerk of works.

Two Records

There were two types of records kept for the purposes of checking the work done on the contract. First of all, there was a book called the "work diary". Books of this sort were kept by the clerk of works on the site.

The contractor usually had a representative on the site, who supplied various information to the clerk of works, such as the number of workmen employed for the day. It was also the duty of the clerk to note down in the diary information as to whether or not the work for the day was up to specification.

The diary, Crown Counsel stated further, provided a space for the signature of a senior supervising officer when he came to inspect the site. In the diary concerned in the present case, many of the pages were signed by the third accused. His signature appeared at the end of each diary and also occasionally in the body of the diary itself.

It was also the duty of the clerk of works to record measurements on a book called the "dimension book". It was the duty of third accused not only to examine and check the measurements recorded in the book, but also to make measurements himself and certify that the work was up to specification.

It was the duty of third accused also to satisfy himself that the work was in accordance with the contract. When the work was completed, the various measurements on the dimension book were put on a form dealing with quantities and prices.

Mr. Mayne said most contracts entered into by the War Department were based on provisional quantities. These were estimated before the invitation for tenders were sent out. If in the course of the work there was found some variation in the measurements, the variation was made accordingly and the final figure was then based on the actual work done, after the necessary adjustments.

The figures are eventually gone through by the DCRE and the garrison engineer. When extra work was needed, extra time was granted to the contractor to finish the job.

Personal Security

When a contractor was awarded a contract, he had to put in a security himself. But he did not have to wait until the end of the contract in order to get paid. As the work proceeded, he was entitled to make claims for part payments, or payments on account. This application was made through the garrison engineer and the DCRE.

These two Crown Counsel said, testified that the work was done and that the materials on the site were in accordance with the contract.

A feature of the case, he stated, was that payments were made for work which was found to be far below the standards of the work contracted for.

Hearing is proceeding.

Inquest Verdict

JURY ADDS RIDER

After having visited the scene of the tragedy and heard all the evidence, a jury of three returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning before Mr. W. F. Pickering at Central this morning at the inquest on four persons who lost their lives when their car plunged into the harbour on May 13.

The jury also submitted three recommendations. They were: 1. That an adequate kerb with marker-posts and reflectors be erected along the sea-wall at all sections of the promenade where no wall or railing exists. 2. That the existing street lighting which consists of relatively low gas lights placed far apart be supplemented or replaced by stronger lighting at a higher level designed to throw greater overall illumination. 3. That the concrete shelter which protrudes a considerable distance into the roadway at a point slightly east of where the tragedy occurred, should be fitted with suitable lights or reflectors and appropriately painted to act as an obstruction warning to embankment traffic.

Taxi-Driver Hurt

The driver of a taxi was seriously injured when his vehicle mounted the pavement and collided with an electric standard in King's Road early this morning.

The taxi driver, Kwok Ping-fun, age 42, residing at 107, Lockhart Road, ground floor, is now detained in hospital for treatment.

A pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese passenger of a tram car in North Point yesterday afternoon. A suspect has been detained. Earlier in the day, another pickpocket stole items of jewellery, valued \$35, from a woman passenger of a bus travelling between the Central District and North Point.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong, the latest times for parcels, which, in general, are earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcels can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

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By Air:
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 10 a.m.
By Surface:
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

By Air:
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Tientsin, 10 a.m.
London, 10 a.m.
Germany & Great Britain, 10 a.m.
India, 10 a.m.
Japan, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 10 a.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, 10 a.m.
Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m.
By Surface:
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
N. Borneo, 10 a.m.
N. Borneo, 10 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, Portuguese East Africa & South Africa, 11 a.m.
Italy, France, Netherlands & Germany P.P. direct, noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Australia, 5 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

FRI, JUNE 8

By Air:
Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Germany, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface:
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Seychelles, East Africa, N. Borneo, 10 a.m.
S. Borneo, 10 a.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Korea, P.P. India, Persia via Korea, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Persia, 4 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

By Air:
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Sarawak, N. Borneo, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Persia for W. Australia, 1 p.m.
W. Africa, Persia via Lagos, Gold Coast, Persia via Tabora, 6 p.m.
Cape Verde, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

By Air:
Macao, 1 p.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 11

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

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